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In the news Man charged in murders of bodies found in fire

Rogelio Rodriguez, 34, of Brooklyn has been charged with murder in connection with two bodies that were found in a fire in Howard Beach last week, according to the Queens District Attorney's Office.

He is charged with second-degree murder, first-degree manslaughter, and tampering with evidence. © LAURA SHIN

In the news



Julio Acevedo indicted in crash that killed Brooklyn couple

The man accused of hitting a car in a crash that killed a Brooklyn couple and their newborn baby was indicted today.

Brooklyn District Attorney Charles Hynes said that Julio Acevedo was charged with fleeing the scene of an accident where death results

If convicted, he faces a maximum sentence of 25 years to life in prison, prosecutors said.

METRO/AB

Endangered Angel

Once the background for 'Dave Chappelle's Block Party,' the fate of iconic Broken Angel House is unknown ▶ Neighbors plan send-off block party for 81-year-old artist to be evicted on Friday

After three decades and several eagle battles, the iconic Broken Angel House may have its wings clipped for good.

Longtime owner and builder Arthur Wood, 81, will be evicted this Friday.

"It's very poetic — March 15th is the Ides of March," Wood quipped, as his son Christopher loaded up a U-Haul truck with his artwork and valued possessions last Friday.

Wood and his wife Cynthia moved to the house in 1979 and lived there for 30 years before her death from cancer in 2010. Wood blames lawsuits with the city for his wife's death.

"They dragged us out of this house because of a \$100 fine," Wood asserted.

The trouble started with a fire in 2006 that

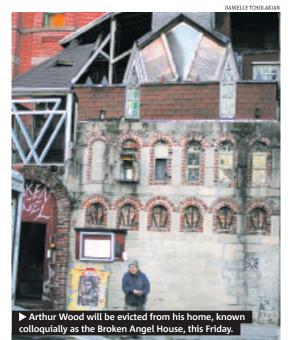
drew the attention of the Department of Buildings. The DOB determined that the fourth floor needed to be demolished.

City Councilmember Letitia James represented Wood in court and arranged the settlement to remove the parts of the structure said to be in violation of building codes.

Wood decided to partner with developer Shahn Andersen, and they secured \$4 million to develop part of the property into condos, but struggled to stay on schedule.

According to Andersen, "Arthur eventually ended up in a shouting match with a VP at the bank, and they soon after declared our loan in default."





What does the future hold for Wood?

For his part, Wood is determined to keep up his various legal battles.

"My case is still going strong," Wood declared. "I'm gonna win it."

Asked where he'll go come Friday, Wood shrugged. "I have no idea. I was thinking of going to China."



A new broken

angel?

Wood, watching his son load his possessions into the U-Haul, said affectionately, "That's my little boy." The younger Wood smiled and joked that a "new Broken Angel might appear in Beacon, N.Y.," where he lives.

What happens now?

Councilwoman James called the building "a piece of art" and "an iconic structure in the community," and spoke of Wood as a beloved fixture in the neighborhood.

"It's unfortunate because he built the Broken Angel with his bare hands," James said. "We would hope that whoever has taken over the property would work with him so that he could remain on the premises for the rest of his life."

A recently registered LLC by the name of 4-8 Downing Purchaser bought the property for a little more than \$2 million this January, according to public records.

According to the property listing, the vacant lot next to Wood's building, located at 8 Downing St., can be "developed" into a

two-unit building, but the existing structure at 4 Downing St. can be "converted" into an eight-unit building. Whether or not this means the structure can be demolished is unclear.

On the street

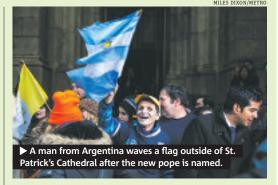
New Yorkers wanted Dolan

Metro talked with enthusiastic worshippers at St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church at 22 Barclay St. in Lower Manhattan yesterday to get their reaction after the new pope, Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio of Argentina, was elected.

Bergoglio was introduced to the world as Pope Francis I on Wednesday afternoon. The 76year-old will now serve as the living head of the 1.2 billion Catholics worldwide.

For more, see page 6.

"It wasn't Archbishop
Dolan? I thought it would
be him. Well, that's great.
That's completely God's
plan because no one
predicted it. The Holy Spirit



planned it. I'd like the new pope to follow the principles in the biblical scriptures." — Johnson John, 48, Bellrose, Queens

"I hope he's ecumenical like John and he reaches out to different faiths. I also hope he has a personality that's warmer than Benedict." — Steve Henry, 53, Newark, N.J.

"For me, it would have

been better if it were Cardinal Dolan. I don't know anything about the new Argentinean pope." — Maria Nela, 61, Flushing, Queens

"The Catholic Church has been here longer than you and I have ever known, so I don't think it matters that he's from Argentina." — Daniel Arens, 46, Long Island

EVELYN CHENG

Statement from Archbishop Dolan

"The election of Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, who has taken the name Francis I, marks a great milestone in our church. As successor to Peter, our first pope, Pope Francis I stands as the figure of unity for all Catholics wherever they reside. The bishops of the United States and the people of our 195 dioceses offer prayers for our new leader and promise alleaiance to him. Intense prayer from all around the world surrounded the election of Pope Francis I. The bishops of the United States thank God for the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the inspired choice of the College of Cardinals."

"With joy in our hearts, we declare 'Ad Multos Annos!' ('for many years!')."

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Brooklyn Bridge Park won't name lawn for photojournalist

Despite an outpouring of support for a proposal put forward by Wall Street Journal photo Patrick Whelan, efforts to name a Brooklyn Bridge Park lawn in memory of photojournalist Hondros have been quashed, as the officials behind the lawn-naming contest said they won't name the space after an individual.

Brooklyn Bridge Park Conservancy Executive Director Nancy Webster said they received more than 200 emails about

Hondros was born in Queens and lived in Brooklyn, most recently in DUMBO, the same neighborhood in which the park is located. He was killed on assignment in Libya on April 20, 2011, while covering the rebel uprising.

That Hondros' birthday



"What we were looking for was a name that was expressive of the park and in line with names for other sections of the park, like the **Harbor View Lawn** or the Spiral

Tidal Pool."

the anniversary of his death is next month, contributed to the urgency to name the lawn for him, Whelan told Photo District

Webster said when the emails about Hondros started coming in, they re-alized their intentions been enough.'

"We realized that we had raised expectations of felt like we couldn't fulfill," Webster explained.

Webster's email response talked about their original intentions, and went on to say that "there are so very many deserving and special Brooklyn residents to memorialize and pay tribute to ... As such, the naming of one lawn for one person does not seem fully inclusive of the larger community."

Chin told PDN that the message was "disingenu-

However, the email sent to Hondros' supportstated that Brooklyn Bridge Park continues to grow and mature, we will be considering how we might best honor the memories of those we have lost," and promised to reach out to the Chris Hondros Fund, established to support emerging photojournalists.

Christina Piaia, president of the Chris Hondros Fund, said she hoped a physical space to "gather in [Hondros'] name" could be established.

"We got a lot of lovely notes about times people spent with Chris in New York," Piaia said, "We were disappointed by the news, but we're hopeful that this can build momentum to continue Chris' legacy in **Benefit and** auction in June



Plans are under way for the Chris Hondros Fund's second annual benefit and silent auction, where the award presented jointly with Getty Images will be given to an emerging photoiournalist.

The event will take place sometime in June of this year, Piaia said. Last year's event featured Lara Logan from CBS as a guest speaker, and the first ever Getty Images & Chris Hondros Fund Award was given to Andrea Bruce.





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In the news

Four shot dead in upstate New **York towns**

Four people were killed in two separate shootings at a carwash and a barbershop in neighboring upstate New York towns yesterday and a manhunt was under way for a single gunman, police said.

The shootings took place in the Village of Herkimer at about 9:50 a.m. and in the Village of Mohawk, said Sergeant Martin Luppino of the Herkimer Police Department.

Local and state police were searching for Kurt Meyers, suspected in the shootings that killed two people at Gaffey's Car Wash on Mohawk Street in Herkimer and two at John's Barber Shop in Mohawk, police said.

The shootings yesterday morning took place shortly after a fire was reported at the Mohawk apartment house where Meyers lived. REUTERS

Domino Sugar Factory development will be storm resistant

The new development being built at the site of the old Domino Sugar Factory will be specially constructed to withstand hurriand flooding, Brownstoner reports.

The first line of defense is set to be the buildings' distance from the coastal line, according to the NY Post, which has been pushed back to 150 feet planned 50 feet.

The waterfront area will be covered largely by parkland and grass, with little pavement, which is intended to "act as a sponge" in case of flooding.

Both utilities rooms and building entryways will be elevated: building mechanical equipment will be positioned on the second story of the structures and pushing of the project uphill will hopetowers from the the proposed riverfront park space.

Safe from water

A principal at SHoP Architects, the design firm responsible for the new vision, said, "This project

will prove that we can continue to do waterfront development in the city and not have to run from the

fully prevent flooding.

The elimination of culde-sacs on the walkways, replaced by pedestrian walkways connecting the street to the waterfront, will also decrease the potential for water collection.

Brownstoner predicted these steps could be a model for future waterfront development in the



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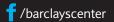


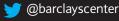


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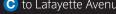
















The pope's first few days

Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio of Argentina is first-ever pontiff from Latin AmericaPope Francis I to spend two days giving thanks ◆ Papal pick surprised many

The white smoke has risen, "Habemus Papam!" has been uttered and Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio, Pope Francis I, has given his first "Urbi et Orbi" blessing as the first ever Latin American pontiff. But more formalities are to come in the first few days in Francis' papacy.

For his first two days as pontiff, Francis will offer thanks.

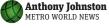
This morning, he will celebrate Mass in the Sistine Chapel with the cardinals who elected him.

He will then spend time at the Apostolic Palace (the pope's residence) answering congratulatory telegrams from heads of state and other world leaders.

This is an opportunity to renew dialogue and good relations with leaders of other faiths.

"I trust in the help of the Almighty to continue and to strengthen the dialogue and collaboration with the sons and daughters of the Jewish people," Pope Benedict XVI wrote in response to Rome's chief rabbi's telegram. Francis will then stage a brief audience with journalists.

Benedict XVI did so four days after becoming pope, thanking 4,000-plus members of the media for covering the papal conclave.





What's in a pope's face?

The election victory of Jorge Mario Bergoglio took many by surprise, including psychology professor Peter M. Vishton, who created a system to determine the winner based on

facial features.

The College of William and Mary professor polled hundreds and found that the Argentine "was an outlier, as he scored below median on our measures of attractiveness, trustworthiness and healthiness." The system predicted Boston Archbishop Sean

O'Malley would be the next pope, but Bergoglio scored highly on "likeliness of winning." "He just looked the part," said Vishton, who added that the newly crowned pontiff's expression showed warmth and humility in his opening speech.

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Formalities to come

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XVI'S RESIGNATION

Francis' formal installation as pope will come at his inaugural Mass, normally held four to five days after the election in order to accommodate political and religious leaders from across the world.

During the Mass, Francis will receive the symbols of his office: the Fisherman's Ring — the large gold band that bears the image of St. Peter — and a pallium, a sash made of lamb's wool that represents the pope's role as the shepherd of his flock, the faithful.

Francis will then use his sermon at the Mass to lay out a vision for his pontificate.

Frank look at

Francis

Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, the first ever pontiff from the Americas, is a low-key intellectual who rides the bus and visits the poor.

- Widely overlooked as a contender prior to this year's conclave, the 76-year-old Jesuit and archbishop of Buenos Aires was reportedly a close second when Benedict XVI was elected in April 2005.
- By nature a humble man but one caring of the destitute, Bergoglio has been a strong advocate of liberation theology, the new Christian movement that promotes church teachings to help the poor and oppressed a policy very popular in Latin America, but frowned upon by Vatican conservatives. In the 1980s, Pope Benedict XVI called it a "a singular heresv."
- He has been critical of Argentina's decision to legalize gay marriage in 2010 and President
 Cristina Kirchner's efforts to free contraception and artificial insemination.
- His résumé is not without controversy. In 2005, he was accused of conspiring with the 1970s military dictatorship to kidnap two Jesuits, but no evidence was found to verify the claim.



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Obama, Paul Ryan express doubts over deficit-reduction pact

Democratic Obama Barack and Republican budget chairman Representative Paul Ryan tamped down expectations for any kind of deficit-reducing budget deal this year, even as Obama prepared for a meeting yesterday with Republicans on Capitol Hill.

In an interview aired on ABC television, Obama said: "Ultimately, it may be that the differences are iust too wide.'

Ryan expressed similar doubts. The House Budget Committee chairman. who was asked in an MSNBC "Morning Joe" interview about prospects for a compromise. "I don't know. I don't know. I don't know," said the 2012 Republican vice presidential candidate.

The comments came as Obama prepared to discuss budget concerns with members of Congress for the second consecutive day, this time with House Representatives Republicans as part of his so-called charm offensive of members Congress, which has included rare visits to the Capitol Hill as well as dinners and lunches with Republicans.



Opposing vision



In opening remarks at his committee's work session. Ryan stressed the urgency

in getting control of a national debt that is rising rapidly and now stands at \$16.7 trillion. "The debt will weigh down our country and our economy like an anchor," he said.

Meanwhile, Senate **Budget Committee** Chairman Patty Murray was set to begin debat-



already have mocked it as little more than a taxheavy, spending-heavy plan that ignores the real U.S. fiscal problem: rapidly growing "entitlement" programs in an aging population.

rising and now stands at \$16.7 trillion.

In place of the old budget process, the country has been put through a series of white-knuckled deadlines like the "fiscal cliff" standoff in January and makeshift arrangements such as the acrossthe-board budget cuts, also known as the "sequestration," that took effect on March 1. **REUTERS**

Obama seeking way to let students still tour White House

President Barack Obama is looking for ways to restart popular tours of the White House to allow certain groups, such as students, to visit.

"What I'm asking them is are there ways, for example, for us to accommodate school groups, you know, who may have traveled here with some bake sales. Can we make sure that kids ... can still come to tour?" Obama told ABC News in an interview on Tuesday and aired yester-

The White House earlier said it had to suspend the tours this month in the wake of mandated spend-



suspending tours

ing cuts known as "sequestration." The move saves

the government about \$74,000 a week.

Trips 1600 to Pennsylvania Ave. are particularly popular in the spring as waves of school groups and other tourists descend upon the nation's capital. **REUTERS**

Dollar signs: Solid retail sales bolster US economic outlook

Retail sales expanded at their fastest clip in five months in February, the latest sign of momentum for an economy facing headwinds from higher taxes and pricier gasoline.

The solid sales last month come on the heels of strong gains in employment and manufacturing.

But the improvement in the economic picture is likely insufficient to shift the Federal Reserve from its very accommodative monetary policy stance.

"The economy in February is looking solid. None of this, however, is likely to cause the Fed to change tack in the near term," said John Ryding, chief economist at RDQ Economics in New York.

The gains in retail sales came despite the end of a 2 percent payroll tax cut and an increase in tax rates for wealthy Americans on Jan.

1. REUTERS

Americans are safely returning to one of their favorite pastimes: spending money.

1.1%

Retail sales increased 1.1 percent, the largest rise since September, after a revised .2 percent gain in January. 0.4%

Core sales, which correspond most closely with the consumer spending component of the GDP, rose .4 percent in February.

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The report helped to lift the dollar to a seven-month high against a basket of currencies from around the world.

Forecasts raised

The gains in core sales in the first two months of the year offered hope that consumer spending, which accounts for about 70 percent of the U.S. economy, would probably not slow much this quarter after growing at a 2.1 percent annual rate in the fourth quarter.

- A second report from the Commerce Department showed business inventories rose by the most in more than a year in January.
- Retail inventories, excluding autos which go into the calculation of gross domestic product recorded their largest increase since August

In the news

US to extend waivers on Iran sanctions

The United States has extended 180-day waivers on Iran sanctions to Japan and 10 European Union nations in exchange for their cutting purchases of the OPEC nation's crude oil, Secretary of State John Kerry said yesterday.

The sanctions aim to choke funding to Tehran's nuclear program by slashing Iran's crude exports. Iran says the program is for civilian purposes. Countries in the West suspect it is attempting to develop nuclear weapons. REUTERS

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Today, Sylvester Stallone has some bad news about "Expendables 3," Kirstie Alley is fine with profanity, Rebel Wilson is keeping it real and Charlie Sheen is ... using Twitter.

ATheSlyStallone

No S. Seagal, sorry. but maybe we get lucky with J. Chan! And some young bloods!!!

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Oh who cares if we swear ?? They are just words ... just letters arranged in a fashion to sound tough or cool or an-

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THE WORD

Meredith Engel's take on the world of gossip **@meredithatmetro**

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- Dorothy Robinson will return on March 20.

Gaga recovers from surgery in custom gold wheelchair because, really, why not?

Did you really expect Lady Gaga to recuperate from her recent hip surgery in a boring wheelchair fit for plebeians? After all, this is Mother Monster, a woman who likes wearing **Kermit the Frog** puppets. So, she enlisted the help of designer Ken Borochov to create a custom 24-karat gold wheelchair, according to E! News. The chair features a reclining leather seat (be-



cause all that time sitting is certainly exhausting), stylin' spokes (in case she wants to go for a spin down the L.A. Freeway) and a canopy (too much sunlight is never good for a Lady of her stature).

We hope Gaga donates her wheelchair to the local old folks' home when she's done with it. Lord knows Betty Ann in 3C could use a little sunshine in her life.

Quoted

"I certainly wasn't expecting that phone call and have never done a wheelchair, but am always up for a challenge and was thrilled to create what I affectionately dubbed The Chariot, a chair fit only for a queen." BOROCHOV



Kardashian: Once more. with feeling

If you saw the "Keeping Up With the Kardashians" episode when Kris Humphries proposed to **Kim** and thought to yourself, "My, what a perfect proposal," know that it was all for the cameras. Life & Style claims they've got the court documents from "Keeping Up" producer Russell Jay's deposition on Feb. 4 in the ongoing case to determine whether Kim and Kris' union should be annulled. Get a load of this transcription:

Q: More than once, you would film a scene and then have [it] be reshot?

A: I remember, like, Kim - she didn't know that he was going to propose at that moment. And she came in and she was completely surprised, and I think she had a bad reaction or somethina and she was embarrassed. So she said "Can we just, like, have me come back in one more time and be, like, really surprised?" Because she had no idea it was going to happen. It was in her bedroom.

Kim, better start practicing those givingbirth faces now. You've only got one chance to get that shot right.



In the new In Touch Weekly, "Dance Moms" matriarch Abby Lee Miller swears she's not the monster she's portrayed to be on TV, despite this terrifying "Black Swan"-esque picture to the contrary. "I'm a schoolgirl at the Pittsburgh native says. "There's still an innocence to me. I've done a lot of nice things for my girls. I take them to dinners, to movies, to Broadway shows. Most of my kids, over the years, have never seen a plane or been to a five-star hotel. I teach them which fork to use and things they won't learn in school."

Talking points

Divorce has been good for TomKat

Apparently getting divorced was the best thing to happen to Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes, at least according to director Adam Shankman, who is friends

with both. Shankman tells Us Weekly that since the couple's high-profile split last summer, the two are doing just swell. "They are incredibly happy," Shankman says. "I've just been emailing with him. He's coming back. He's shooting ["All You Need Is Kill"] in London and seems as happy as a clam. I know he sees his daughter." As for Holmes? "Katie seems really happy,"

Shankman adds. "You just fight through all the noise. And it's noisy!"

Swift's fan mail goes in the trash

Taylor Swift may find herself with fewer adoring fans once they find out their letters and cards to the country crooner have been ending up in the trash. Nashville resident Kaylee Francescan

discovered a mass of Swift fan mail in a dumpster, she tells local station WKRN. "There were like hundreds of letters in there to Taylor Swift and I'm like, 'Oh my gosh!' I didn't know if they were stolen [or] discarded, so I threw them in a box." she says. "And I'm like, 'Somebody needs to let Taylor know.' It did bother me [because] I know how much her fans mean to her."





Zeta-Jones reprising her 'Chicago' days?

1: Nope, that's Alicia Keys, who alimmered on Tuesday while performing at the Staples Center in L.A.

2: Funnyman and "Parks and Recreation" star Nick Offerman sat down with Jay Leno on Tuesday.

3: Ke\$ha, dressed like, well... Ke\$ha, posed on the red carpet yesterday for Pure Nightclub's eighth anniversary party in Las Vegas.

4: Models Candice Swanepoel, Karlie Kloss and Alessandra Ambrosio continued to make every girl jealous on Tuesday while posing for pictures at the launch of Victoria Secret's 2013 Swim Collection in Los Angeles.

5: After the success of "Thrift Shop," we're betting Macklemore now has more than \$20 in his pocket. The rapper performed at SXSW on Tuesday in Austin.

6: Samuel L. Jackson

donned a wide grin while joking round with staff on Tuesday at the Observatory Golf Club in South Africa.

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'The Incredible Burt Wonderstone' The obscure underdog that opened the SXSW Film Festival stars someone named Steve Carell, another up-and-comer, Steve Buscemi, and [rechecks press notes to

get the name right] Jim Carrey as dueling magi-

'The Call' Oscar winner Halle Berry, young Oscar nominee

Abigail Breslin, who is

now 16, and Morris Chestnut star in a thriller

about a 911 operator who fields a call from an abducted girl. Brad Anderson ("The

Machinist") directs.

'Upside Down' This

\$50 million European

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4 'Ginger & Rosa' Filmmaker Sally

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80 degrees and a chance of rocking

The first night of SXSW provides surprises, disappointments and big crowds of music lovers

Hurray for the Riff Raff and Indians shine



SXSW



he freaks and the fashionable parade the streets from noon until morning in Austin, Texas. I joined the masses of South by Southwest revelers on Tuesday looking for something new, and I quickly found it. Making my way to Paste Magazine/ Newport Folk Festival's showcase, I arrived just in time to see the start of Hurray for the Riff Raff's set. The female duo from New Orleans played a riveting, strippeddown set of country-tinged blues, combining cover songs by Billie Holiday and Fred Neil as well as a slew of originals. Alternating between acoustic guitar and banjo, backed by a fiddle and the occasional toy piano, their set seemed perfectly at home on the front patio of the rickety old house now known as the



No, this is not a crowd shot of the Vatican, but for many, Sixth Street in Austin, Texas, is a religious landmark.

Blackheart Bar. They make their debut at the Newport Folk Festival this year and they found out just hours before their set they'll be opening for the Alabama Shakes' upcoming tour.

From there it was on to Viceland to catch the Skaters' Austin debut. The buzz around them, combined with sharing a bill Waaves Japandroids, created a line of about 2,000 people that snaked around the block. This was the first show I missed out on, and I hope it's my last.

After watching a few songs from the street, I decided to make better use of my time and headed over to the Mohawk to hear the Danish band Indians. A three-piece consisting of more keyboards than people, the band layers loops, Moog synthesizers and a brain-rattling drum pad to create dreamy, slightly dancy music.

Looking for some more traditional rock 'n' roll, I drifted off to The North Door to catch VietNam. After taking the past five years off, Michael Gerner and Co. are back with a new six-piece lineup and a recent record, but their sound remains the same. It has dark, lengthy and often druggy narratives, delivered without traditional verse/chorus structure and set against a heavy shimmer of blues guitar riffs.

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A different mind for what's funny

The first-ever all-Asperger's sketch troupe makes comedy of their unique worldview

• Quartet wants to dispel the myth that people with this condition have no sense of humor

Why all you neurotypical people are wrong

Those diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome are generally known for their intense, narrowly focused interests and their difficulty processing social cues, but they're not so well known for their sense of humor. Indeed, their reputation as detached, android-like people usually precedes them, Asperger's Are Us, a sketch comedy group from Boston comprised of four young men with Asperger's,

wants to change that. "We'd like to invite everyone to come to the show so we can prove to them that we don't understand sarcasm or irony,' says troupe founder Noah Britton, 29.

Britton met the other members when he mentored them at a summer acting program for youths with Asperger's in 2010. Ethan Finlan, Jack Hanke and "New" Michael Ingemi are all 19.

The group's shared sense of humor revels in a blunt sense of the absurd. In one sketch, a girlfriend tells her boyfriend that she's pregnant, only for him to reveal that he's a piece of bubble wrap. Such

If you go

- Asperger's Are Us Friday, 6:30 p.m. **Magnet Theater** 254 W. 29th St. \$10, 212-244-8824 www.magnet theater.com
- Saturday, 6 p.m. Silent Barn 603 Bushwick Ave., **Brooklyn** \$10, silentbarnkitchen @googlegroups.com www.silentbarn.org



literal-minded deconstruction of language and form is a talent of the Asperger's mind, according to Britton.

"I've read that the brain processes jokes based on meaning in a different location than jokes based on wording, like puns," he says. "My guess is that the latter brain area is hyperdeveloped in Aspies, whereas the former area is hyperdeveloped in most of

Asperger's Are Us is not afraid of exploiting these brain differences, and the awkwardness they often

cause, for amusement. One sketch, titled "Blind Man," satirizes the inevitable feelings of guilt and political incorrectness in their neurotypical, or non-Asperger's, audience. At the same time, Britton's not afraid to admit when the joke's on them.

"Some things we're really not aware of until they're pointed out to us," he says, "like the fact that we need to pause for laughs because they're stepping on the jokes.'



TV watch list

'Braxton Family Values'

REALITY. This diva-filled show finds Toni Braxton and her clan vacationing in Italy. Season premiere, 9 p.m., WE

'The Vampire Diaries'

DRAMA. Elena rejoins the cheerleading squad and then gets into a fight. It's "Bring It On: Goth Edition." 8 p.m., The CW

'The Office'

COMEDY. This one's all about the Schrute family farm, where beets grow, zaniness ensues and a flailing network show attempts to redeem itself. 9 p.m., NBC

'Kathy'

TALK SHOW. Kathy Griffin welcomes one of the funniest celebrity couples, Megan Mullally and Nick Offerman. 11:30 p.m., Bravo **MATTHEW JACOBS**

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Moving on after divorce: Can you let go of resentment and start anew?

he tabloids are speculating about Kris and Bruce Jenner: Are they headed for divorce? If so, then they would each eventually join the legions of people who have had to start over. Dating after a divorce can be challenging, whether you are in the public eye or not. Two simple rules of thumb can help you push forward into new romantic

First, avoid comparing the person you are dating to your ex. While it is

Shrink Wrap



tempting to measure them for better or worse against your former partner, the real goal is to focus on how they make you feel about yourself when you're with them. Evaluating them based on how you felt about your ex rather than

on who they are means you will wind up either regretting what you lost or angry about what you missed out on all those years. That will mire you in the negativity of your former marriage — keeping the pain and loss of divorce alive - instead of letting go and moving on with a new flame. Stay focused on building a new relationship and leave your past where it belongs - beĥind you.

Second, avoid badmouthing your ex - especially to the person you are dating. This is a difficult one, because most people come away from divorce angry about what went wrong and wanting to talk about it. Be mindful about who you vent to: Blaming and criticizing could scare off your new partner. They could wonder what you



might say about them if they did something to upset you. There are two sides to every story, so as much as possible try to present a balanced picture when you are speaking about your former marriage.

hether you are famous or not, when dealing with the aftermath of divorce this old adage can be helpful: If you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at

all. When you talk negatively, you keep bad feelings alive. When you talk positively, you put them to rest. The ultimate goal is to get on with your new life in a better place for what you gained from your old

Keep these rules in mind and you will be equipped to leave the past in its place and move on with your exciting new dating life.

— Relationship expert **Dr. Jane** Greer is creator of "Shrink Wrap" - national commentary on what we can learn from celebrity relationships - and host of "Let's Talk Sex" at Healthylife.net. Her book, "What About Me? Stop Selfishness From Ruining Your Relationship," is available

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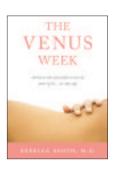
n her book "The Venus Week," gynecologist Dr. Rebecca Booth con-**⊥** tends that women have awesome hair days and glowing skin in their pre-ovulatory period. when their levels of estrogen are highest. With Dr. Booth's tips, women can trick their bodies into producing that Venus glow all month long.

How can women figure out their "Venus Week"?

The easiest way is to understand where you are in your cycle, the first day being the first day of your period. About day 10 or 11 women start to experience some hormonal highs. Another simple way to do it is a temperature chart, which can give a woman a reflection of her hormones throughout the month if

she's not on the pill. How can women get the hormonal boost that will help them look their best?

The way that hormones control our emotions is by altering the mood regulators in our brains, like seroand dopamine. During that peak hormonal time, those chemical levels are pretty high. Women



can offset the drop in these chemicals exercise and meditation. Nutrition is also important. Plant proteins like nuts, lentils, soy and seeds contain phytoestrogens that mimic our bodies' estrogen and boost metabolism.

What can "The Venus Week" teach women about

Women should limit foods containing carbs and sugar that raise the body's insulin level, which upsets the body's ratio of estrogen. Cycle-related acne is also related to a dip in estrogen, which decreases pore size. Omega-3 fatty acids are a great natural lubricant that offset the decline of collagen.





Or. Rebecca Booth's research shows that women look their prettiest the week before ovulation \(\mathbb{O}\) Make the glow last

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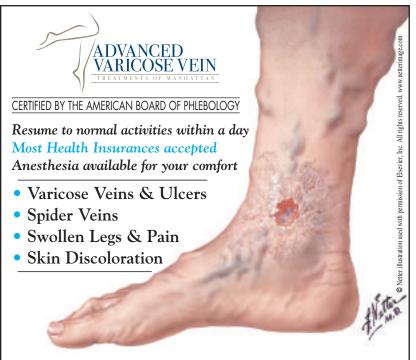
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Aries March 21-April 19. Something out of the ordinary might result from an unexpected chain of events. Chances are it will open up a new pipeline that can produce

some quality gains. Taurus April 20-May 20. Don't be surprised if you sense that something good is about to happen, even if you don't know the circumstances. Let positive thinking light the fuse of this exciting cycle.

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though you'll get some brilliant ideas, they must not be executed prematurely if you want them to work. Don't allow impulsiveness to distort your timing.

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Gancer Tune 21-Tuly 22. Treat the day's happenings philosophically and you'll be able to make molehills out of mountains. Adopting an easygoing attitude will inspire others to act likewise.

Ω Leo July 23-Aug. 22. You're likely to have a slight edge over your competitors. Your ace in the hole will be a reserve of resources, both material and mental, upon which you can easily draw.

MP Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Upon occasion, you can be rigid and inflexible when it comes to your views. Today, however, you could surprise everybody with your open-minded

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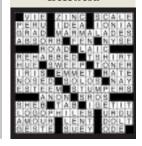
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'Sequester' hot potato started with the president

I get very irritated when I read Metro letter writers talking through thin air. A recent letter writer didn't know where the sequester was from and simply called it "a Republican demand" when actually the reality is that the Republicans are actually blameless this time around. The idea for sequestration began inside the Obama White House in July 2011 when the president thought "sequester' would actually prevent further gridlock and fiscal cliffs. That summer a vast majority of Democrats in the U.S. Senate joined their Republican members in overwhelmingly support the sequester idea - and over in the U.S. House, 79 Democrats joined in with the Republican majority and after signed by President Obama, became

I don't believe either side thought the Gramm-Rudman-style sequester would ever come to pass, but as we see, it did. All assumed that the very idea of across-the-board discretionary spending cuts would bring Capitol Hill to their collective senses. However, it is President

Obama who is in reality the father of sequestration and not the GOP. Both parties are responsible for the inaction, but sequester was a Democratic idea. SAL GIARRATANI. VIA E-MAIL

Thumbing noses at Constitution knows no party bounds

RE: "IUST DRONING ON" (METRO, MARCH 8) I was in full agreement of columnist Tom Foreman's column until I read his description of Democrats as "not giving a damn about the Constitution."

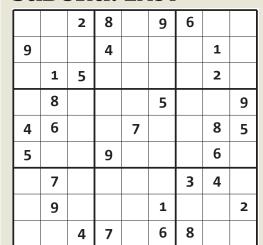
I'm not much of a Democrat myself, but I find this label to be extremely hypocritical. I mean, really? The cornerstone of this country's Constitution is that every citizen, whether rich, poor, blue or satanic has the right to vote.

Where do Republicans stand on this issue? Passing new voting laws during an election and arguing that the Voting Right's Act is now obsolete because some how racism no longer exists.

It's absolutely outrageous that any Republican can take such a moral high ground while the GOP's mainstream face is ridden with incompetent blemishes like SCOTUS Justice Scalia and Florida Gov. Rick Scott.

JEAN CHARLES, VIA E-MAIL

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85 10th Ave., 646-484-6566 This fairly new Chelsea outpost has all the right ingredients to be a serious contender in New York's brunch scene — including a cocktail list that will break any firstdate ice. Housed within the former Nabisco factory, the chic decor will impress your date and the small plate/large plate menu is perfect for sharing. The undisturbed ambiance is perfect for getting to know each other — a place where you can actually hear each

other talk. Don't miss the French toast — but be warned, you might be paying more attention to your plate than your date.

With your foodie friend: TAO 42 E. 58th St., 212-888-2288

hot spot, but it's time to revisit this Asian fusion powerhouse for your favorite meal of the week. Bring a friend with an adventurous palate to TAO's newly launched Sunday dim sum brunch and go to town on steamed barbecue pork buns, sour-andsweet chicken wings and to-die-for banana tempura pudding.

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With your girlfriends: **Beauty & Essex**

146 Essex St., 212-614-0146 See and be seen with your best girls at this LES favorite. It's the weekend - why not start your morning off with a champagne toast? Move

on to menu highlights like tomato soup dumplings and chicken biscuit bites. After a couple cocktails, you'll be in the mood to shimmy in your chair, and DJ-spun music will let you do it.

► When you're craving Mexican: Tacombi at La **Fonda Nolita** 267 Elizabeth St.,

917-727-0179 This Mexican joint's open

space looks like a converted mechanic's shop, and there's even a VW bus parked in the center to boot. The new brunch boasts chilaquiles, a decadent mash of eggs, cheese and tortillas that will sop up any lingering alcohol from the night before, plus cojetaglazed rustic bread topped with a surprisingly sweet combo of sliced banana, avocado and goat's milk caramel.



Order this

Pop into Tuscan wine bar **Felice 83** (1593 First Ave., 212-249-4080) for brunch and pair your pomodoro bloody mary with a raviolo all'uovohomemade raviolone stuffed with ricotta, spinach and organic egg, topped with cheese sauce (\$16).

► The new boozy brunch: Sotto 13 140 W. 13th St., 212-647-1001

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Chef Paul Corsentino reconnects with his boss

Hot Chef

fter first working Geoffrey Zakarian back in 2005. at Country. Paul Corsentino honed his skills in other kitchens and returned to reunite with his mentor at The National. Located close to Grand Central, the David Rockwell-designed bistro recently kicked off a new weekly dinner series, featuring live music on Sunday evenings called The National Sessions. We chatted with Chef Corsentino about pickling, ovens and ugly burgers.

What item in your kitchen is the most underrated?

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You're into pickling things. What's the strangest thing you've pickled?

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There's something on your menu called the Ugly Burger. Why is it named that, and is there such thing as a pretty burger?

It didn't always have that name. It's actually called the Ugly Burger now, because when we got our New York Times review, Sam Sifton called it an "ugly-looking affair ... but has flavor to spare." Geoffrey then wanted to rename it. I'm sure there is a pretty burger ... but it's probably not nearly as delicious as our ugly one!

We've seen you on "Iron Chef" helping out Chef Zakarian. What's the biggest lesson you've learned from cooking under pressure like that?

The No. 1 thing I have learned is to trust your instincts and stay calm. As soon as you start to secondguess something you are doing, things can go south quickly.



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Dine out for **Brooklyn Restaurant Week**

The little sister of NYC's Restaurant Week, **Dine** In Brooklyn, is underway now through March 21. About 200 restaurants in the borough — including some of our favorites, like Buttermilk Channel and Chio — are offering three-course dinners for \$28 and three-course lunches for \$20.13 Some places are even doing two-for-theprice-of-one brunches,

lunches and dinners. Not convinced? See what our favorite borough president Marty Markowitz has to say: "I'm not 'buttering you up,' but thanks to all of our restaurants over the last decade, Brooklyn's all 'souped up' and is without a doubt the hottest, zestiest and most delicious place anywhere." Cheers!

Happy Pi Day!

While math classes across the country celebrate with graphing calculators, we're indulging with a savory pie from 24-hour pie purveyors Pie Face — maybe even the newest flavor, Philly Cheesesteak

Say cheese

Metro is pairing up with Openhouse to give away a pair of free tickets to Openhouse's Big Cheesy grilled cheese competition, taking place March 23 and 24 at 201 Mulberry St. Go to Openhouse's Facebook page and share the cheesiest joke. The joke with the most votes wins. MEREDITH ENGEL





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suited for the club as it

is for your headphones.



MUSIC

Psychic Ills
Saturday, 8 p.m.,
285 Kent, 285 Kent Ave., \$10
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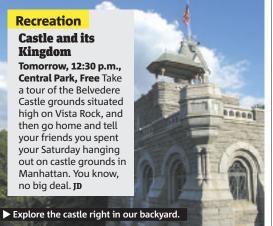
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the great beer Barcade has to offer today during the bar's first competitive video-game event. Play Joust, Make Trax, Moon Pa-trol and other classic games to win big prizes. Then drink. JD

FILM

"Philip Roth: Unmasked" Now through Tuesday, Film Forum, 209 W. Houston St., \$13.50

In this 90-minute documentary, Roth discusses his influences, friendships, failed marriages, successes and



controversies, while Nathan Englander, Mia Farrow, Jonathan Franzen and others pay their respects to the retired writer. **JD**

BOOKS

Patti Smith narrates "Tubby the Tuba" Saturday, 11 a.m. & 1 p.m.,

Avery Fisher Hall at Lincoln Center, 65th St. at Columbus Ave., \$15

In her childhood, iconoclast Patti Smith strongly related to the story of Tubby the Tuba, a rebellious little instrument who dares to play the melody instead of the bass line in his orchestra. Now she's narrating the story live with the Little Orchestra and tap dancer Lane Alexander. JOHN PEACOCK

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Bachman to celebrate their

new book. And yes, free samples are included. JD

Richard Hell

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Tonight, 7 p.m., Barnes & Noble Union Sq., 33 E. 17th St., Free Richard Hell is a writer, poet and musician responsible for the iconic 1977 punk album "Blank Generation," so his story of "kinetic nights in New York's club demimonde, descent into drug addiction, and an ever-present yearning for redemption through poetry, music and art"should be an enthralling read. JD

THEATER

"The Wild Bride" Through Sunday St. Ann's Warehouse, 29 Jay St., Brooklyn, \$40 This positively enchanting

and cleverly enchanting and cleverly constructed Kneehigh production is based on the ancient fairy tale "The Handless Maiden." MINDY BOND

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The Orange had entered the game as losers of four of their last five. They play No. 17 Pitt in the quarterfinals today at 2 p.m. (ESPN).

NFL in brief

Goldson signs with Bucs

Bucs. Tampa Bay scooped up the most coveted safety on the market yesterday, Dashon

Goldson to a fivevear deal. Goldson has broken

out as a star over the past two seasons with the defending NFC champions. He's had nine interceptions and two forced fumbles over the past two seasons.

The deal with the Buccaneers will reportedly include \$22 million quaranteed. METRO

Mendenhall flees to desert

CARDINALS. One day after the Steelers lost their top receiver, they have lost their top running back also.

Rashard Mendenhall signed a one-year deal with Arizona yesterday. Unlike Mike Wallace who signed with Miami – Mendenhall had fallen out of favor. He was the team's top back three straight years but dealt with fumbles, injury and a suspension in 2012. METRO

Kicker Tynes done as Giant

The man who kicked two of the biggest field goals in Giants history is gone.

The team signed kicker Josh Brown yesterday, signaling the end of Lawrence Tynes' time in New York.

"Josh is an experienced, proven kicker in this league," general man-



ager Jerry Reese said in a statement. "Just like we try to do at every position, we expect great competition for the placekicking job, and that will only make us better."

Tynes, a free agent, now seems unlikely to be re-signed. Tynes has been the team's kicker since 2007. He kicked a 47-yard field goal in the NFC Championship that year on the way to a Super Bowl title. He again kicked the game-winner in the 2011 NFC title

Brown, 33, has played for four different teams in his 11-year career. • METRO

Greene latest to join growing list of ex-Jets

• Free-agent running back signs with Titans • Reportedly agrees to three-year deal • Keller, Landry also appear headed out door

The exodus of Jets veterans continued yesterday, with Shonn Greene the lastest to sign elsewhere.

The free-agent running back signed with the Titans for what ESPN reports is three years and \$10 million. He is expected to be a backup as well as a change of pace for bigstarter Chris monev Johnson.

"He is a nice complement to Chris and an accomplished back in his own right," Titans general manager Ruston Webster said in a statement released by the team. "He is a tough and physical runner who has rushed for 1,000 yards each of the last two years."

The Jets seemed content to move on from Greene, whom they drafted at the top of the third



Greene scored **67** percent of the Jets' rushing touchdowns in 2012, with 8-of-12 scores on ground. Bilal Powell had the other four.

When the Jets hired Marty Mornhinweg as their new offensive coordinator, head coach Rex

round in 2009 out of Iowa. Indianapolis Ryan spoke about going away from the "ground and pound" style that de-

few years of Ryan's tenure. Mornhinweg runs the West Coast offense and wanted to get away from Greene's pounding style.

Greene joins defensive linemen Mike DeVito, who signed with St. Louis, and Sione Pouha, who was cut, and safety Yeremiah Bell, who signed with Arizona yesterday, as players to leave in the first two days of free agency.

Safety LaRon Landry and tight end Dustin Keller appear to be the next two names on that list. Landry met with yesterday, where owner Jim Irsay tweeted about wooing him to the Colts. Keller, meanwhile, is in Miami, where he could sign a deal soon.









fined the team in the first

If the Jets can take solace in anything, it's that their main rivals also lost a huge piece of the puzzle yesterday.

Wide receiver Wes Welker called the Patriots' bluff and signed with the Broncos on a two-year contract. ESPN reports the deal is worth \$12 million.

Welker and the Patriots engaged in a game of chicken not just this offseason, but most of the regular season as well. The notori-



ously money-conscious Bill Belichick and the Patriots balked at the numbers Welker reportedly wanted.

The Patriots have reportedly agreed to a five-year deal with former Ram Danny Amendola, a slot receiver often compared to Welker. O METRO/MO



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NFL news Bushwacked

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NFL TRADING PLACES

Blockbuster NFL trades are as common as good Keanu Reeves movie. When one finally comes around, it's exciting.

This year's edition of pro football's hot stove has been piping. The new league year is two days old, and we've seen two major trades involving fantasy studs to go with the usual free-agency madness.

Percy street

Russell Wilson was 26th in the NFL in pass attempts last season and still finished 11th among fan► Harvin had 677 receiving yards in just nine games last season, and that was with Christian Ponder at QB.

tasy quarterbacks. Now that the Seahawks have given up the farm to acquire **Percy Harvin**, we can be sure they're planning on letting the talented quarterback spread his wings some more.

Wilson also now has the luxury of throwing a bubble screen or short hitch to Harvin and watching him go 50 yards to the house. He'll be a Top-7 quarterback with ease in 2013, and Harvin will retain his Top-15 wideout status.

Bold move?

In Baltimore, **Anquan Boldin** fit. His physical, over-the-middle style was the perfect complement to the burning speed of **Torrey Smith**. But in San Francisco, Boldin's game is similar to that of **Michael Crabtree** and **Vernon Davis**. Downgrade all three.

Meanwhile, there's talk from the Ravens that they'll use **Dennis Pitta** in more of a pass-catching role to fill Boldin's shoes. Consider Pitta a clear TE1 with upside going forward.

Top hoops adds



- Marco Belinelli, SG, CHI — Richard Hamilton is hurt and is no longer as effective as the sharpshooting Belinelli.
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BHAGWATTIE AZIZ,

Index No. 21133/12 Date Summons Filed: 01/11/2013

Plaintiff designates Queens County as the The basis of venue is Plaintiff's residence.

Plaintiff

-against-

Plaintiff resides at 114-30 128 ST.. SOUTH OZONE PARK, NY 11420.

LOUIS MARRERO. Defendant.

ACTION FOR DIVORCE

To the above named Defendant:

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Dated: October 12, 2012

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